

## REMARKS

### **I. Claim Status:**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claim 20 stands withdrawn and claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8-19 have been rejected. Claims 2 and 6 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response claim 1 has been amended, claims 2 and 20 have been canceled, claims 4 and 14 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors, and claims 21 through 36 have been added. No new matter is added by these amendments and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

### **II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):**

Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 4,228,617 to Bando for the reasons indicated on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2, which was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 3-19 are dependent on amended claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-19 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of these rejections is hereby requested.

### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 2 and 6 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response claim 2 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Claims 3-19 depend upon claim 1. Further, claim 21 has been added which incorporates the original limitations of claims 1 and 3-6. Claim 21 is believed to be allowable. New claims 22-36 depend on claim 21. Claim 22 contains the limitations of originally filed claim 2. Claims 23-35 contain the limitations of originally filed claims 7 through 19. Therefore, claims 22-35 are believed to be allowable. Claim 36 is a method of using the grinding machine of claim 21 and, therefore, it is believed to be allowable because claim 21 is believed to be allowable. Therefore, new claims 21-36 are believed to be allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes all pending claims, claims 1, 3-19 and 21-36, are now in condition for examination on the merits and examination and allowance is hereby requested.

If any extension of time is required, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of all fees associated with this communication, if such fees are due, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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